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Silky paintings

One of Taiwan's most prominent painters is the 72-year-old mother of a Texas A&M graduate student. Chen Chin is visiting her son and tells her story on page 10.



Election races neck and neck

United Press International
AUSTIN — The outcome of races for Texas' two top political offices may be close enough with two days remaining in the campaign that bad weather on election day or a last minute campaign error by a candidate could have a major impact on the outcome.

Republicans show unprecedented optimism that Dallas millionaire Bill Clements can upset Attorney General John Hill and become the state's first GOP governor this century, but are concerned about the chances for survival of their only current statewide officeholder, Sen. John G. Tower, R-Texas.

Hill appeared an easy winner in the governor's race after his upset of Gov. Dolph Briscoe in the Democratic primary, but Clements, aided by a \$6.4 million campaign that shattered all previous spending records in Texas political races, has closed the gap.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who faces only token opposition from Republican Gaylord Marshall in his re-election campaign, said a week ago he thought Hill would win with at least 55 to 56 percent of the votes in Tuesday's election.

But Hobby said he thinks now, for the first time, there is a possibility Clements could win and that Hill's vote will be no more than 51 or 52 percent if the Democrats maintain control of the governorship.

Another Capitol political observer says voter turnout could be a factor in the governor's race, with Clements' chances rising with lower voter participation in the election.

"If it rains in South or East Texas on election day, Hill could be in trouble," the observer said. Hill has traditionally run

strong among Mexican-Americans in South Texas and blacks in East Texas, his home region.

John Rogers, the chief strategy man in Hill's campaign organization, says Hill will win regardless of the turnout, but said the turnout could be a factor in how big a margin Hill has.

"If Clements is successful in his turnout effort, he'll cut the lead to 54 or 55 percent," Rogers said. But he said if the turnout is "normal" — meaning ordinary percentages from each faction of the population — Hill could receive as much as 57 to 58 percent of the vote. Clements' performance in the Republican primary is convincing evidence his supporters will make it to the polls. The GOP nominee, who has personally signed loans for \$4.2 million to his campaign, has organized an astonishing phone bank operation that pinpoints his supporters then urges them to vote on election day, in some cases checking with the voters on the day of the election to see if they voted and offering necessary transportation to polling places.

Some Democrats have expressed concern at a lack of enthusiasm among Hill supporters in the fall campaign, contending Hill's campaign organizers have spent too much time planning his activities as governor and too little time working to assure his election.

The race between Tower and Rep. Bob Krueger, D-Texas, could be even closer than the governor's race. Both sides in the final week have claimed polls showing their candidate in the lead.

Also at stake are nine proposed amendments to the Texas constitution, including a "tax relief amendment" adopted by a special summer session of the Legislature.



Two view game

These students got a bird's eye view of the Texas A&M-SMU football game, by putting a television to

good use. The game was regionally televised. For a review of the game, please see pages 13-14.

Battalion photo by Martha Hollida

Handshake could topple Texas Tower

United Press International
AUSTIN — Candidates in the U.S. Senate campaign have spent more than \$5.5 million in a heated, year-long campaign for that office, and now it appears the outcome of the contest may hinge on voters' reaction to a handshake attempt.

Sen. John G. Tower, R-Texas, elected to the office from a field of 70 candidates in 1961 to succeed Lyndon B. Johnson, has spent more than \$3.5 million in his effort to fight off the challenge of Rep. Bob Krueger, D-Texas, a two-term congressman openly ambitious for national office.

Krueger, given the best chance of any Democrat in 17 years of ousting the state's only Republican statewide officeholder, has spent slightly more than \$2 million in his race against Tower.

Despite the heavy spending and intense campaigning by the two major candidates, the campaign incident that has overshadowed issues in recent weeks is Tower's refusal to shake hands with Krueger at a joint appearance before the Houston Press Club.

Tower, steamed at the circulation by Krueger's campaign organization of a newspaper column questioning the morals of an unnamed senator, had canceled four joint television appearances before Krueger approached him at the Houston Press Club and extended his hand.

Tower turned away and pictures of the incident made front pages throughout the state.

Tower now has taken the offensive concerning the incident, running television commercials explaining he was taught a handshake was a sign of friendship and accusing Krueger of slurring his wife and daughter.

County judge candidates...

GOP: cities need some help

By KAREN ROGERS
Battalion Staff

County government should take responsibility in helping to alleviate some of the problems experienced by its cities, says Republican candidate for county judge, John Raney.

A start would be a common tax appraiser's office, Raney says. He advocates having one tax appraiser instead of the five that are working for Bryan-College Station, their school districts and the county.

"Presently every piece of property is appraised by at least three appraisers. I think this could be eliminated and possible produce a tax savings.

"The only way to implement this program is in a suggestive manner. I would have to present it to each taxing body so as to prove to them it would be a savings of money."

Ambulance service, especially a problem in Bryan-College Station, may need to be county-supported to insure adequate service to everyone, Raney says. A study to determine if a countywide service is the best solution should be conducted, he says, but adds that "we need coordination between the county and cities to make sure everyone has ambulance service."

Raney has not drawn up a plan for com-



John Raney

bined service since he has not talked with Bryan-College Station officials.

He says he thinks problems in the fire departments are being taken care of by the volunteer fire departments. He explained

that since they are not equipped to handle major structural fires he would like "to eliminate the cities from having to make rural calls unless for these major fires."

The effect county involvement in these services would have on the tax rates would have to be decided later, he says.

"Our tax rate is already the highest allowed by law. We're either going to have to trim the present budget which I'm in favor of doing or raise taxes." He explains taxes could be legally raised by reappraising property.

Raney says he has not formed an opinion on the gerrymandering suit filed against the county in federal court. The suit, which involves six other counties, alleges that voting districts were drawn to dilute the Hispanic vote. It was filed last month by Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund. Raney adds he would need to talk to the individuals involved in the suit before he could discuss it.

Raney is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin High, Bryan and Texas A&M. He now operates a College Station bookstore.

The bid for county judge is his second try for elective office, the first being an unsuccessful attempt for a Bryan City Council seat.

Democrat stresses services

By KAREN ROGERS
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Cautiousness could describe Democrat R.J. "Dick" Holmgreen's campaign for county judge as he emphasizes knowledge of existing situations and studies on what changes could be made.

Holmgreen explains that while many areas within the county need attention, he must, if elected, become more familiar with the facts and commission studies for possible solutions before he could make decisions.

An answer to adequate county ambulance service at a reasonable cost is one area for which Holmgreen says he would like to see a study done. This is necessary, he says, because "it depends on what people in different parts of the county expect from an ambulance service."

If reaction time is important to them, Holmgreen says "we couldn't afford enough ambulances around the clock to provide them with short reaction time services." He explains that it would not be possible to have enough equipment to reach outlying county regions within two or three minutes.

The same problem exists with having a countywide firefighting department, he says. "There's no way to get enough properly equipped fire stations to handle structural fires. The tax rate would be unreal.

"I'm a great advocate of volunteer fire departments to handle small fires. I would

like to see the city fire departments back up the volunteers on major fires."

Tax rates may not be affected should the could be derived from this."

Improvements in railroad safety, roads and bridges and the county jail are also needed, he says.

"The railroad tracks, in my judgement, are not up to what they should be as far as safety, especially running through so closely knit a community." He adds that a study would have to be done before he could suggest a solution to the county commissioner's court.

"Our roads and bridges are bearing a tremendous amount of traffic," he says. "They were designed for rural use and now that we're getting to be a metropolitan type of community, we're going to county decide to support these services, Holmgreen says because cities in the county "are experiencing a lot of growth and revenues from some of these monies have to upgrade some of our road systems."

Improvements in the county jail and construction of a juvenile jail unit are also necessary for a growing Brazos County, Holmgreen says.

"You can't have communication between an adult and a juvenile and meet jail standards," he says. "Something must be done, although I won't be sure what until after the election."



R. J. "Dick" Holmgreen

The bid for the county judge's seat is the second time around in politics for Holmgreen. He has previously served as secretary on the Bryan Independent School Board. He has been a Bryan resident since he was one-year-old and is a graduate of Bryan High School. He now runs a local tire store.

Brazos County polls open from 7 to 7

More than 30,000 Brazos County residents are registered to vote in tomorrow's general election, and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The voting precincts for Brazos County are as follows:

- 1 - Millican Community Center
- 2 - Wellborn Water Supply Building
- 3 - S.P.J.S.T. Hall at Smetana
- 4 - Cav School
- 5 - Fellowship Hall
- 6 - Edge Community Center
- 7 - Steep Hollow Community Center
- 8 - South Knoll Elementary
- 9 - A&M Consolidated Kindergarten

- 10 - College Station Fire Station
- 11 - Crockett Elementary School
- 12 - Sul Ross Elementary School
- 13 - Henderson Elementary School
- 14 - Ben Milam Elementary School
- 15 - Fannin Elementary School
- 16 - Bowie Elementary School
- 17 - Travis Elementary School
- 18 - Bryan Central Fire Station
- 19 - Bonham Elementary School
- 20 - TAMU Center (MSC)
- 21 - College Station Municipal Building
- 22 - Army Reserve Center
- 23 - LBJ Elementary School
- 24 - College Hills Elementary School

- 25 - American Legion Hall
- 26 - Bryan High School
- 27 - Bethel Baptist Church
- 28 - Peach Creek Community Center
- 29 - VFW Hall
- 30 - Fellowship Hall
- 31 - A&M Consolidated High School

Anyone in line at 7 p.m. Tuesday will still be eligible to vote. Voters should bring their voter registration cards.

Person who do not know what precinct they should refer to may call the county clerk's office at 822-7373 for assistance.

Brazos sheriff candidates... Incumbent: more staff needed

By JAMIE AITKEN
Battalion City Editor

Acting Brazos County Sheriff Bobby Yeager says manpower is the priority problem with the county law enforcement department.

The 38-year-old Democratic candidate for the sheriff's post is an 11-year veteran of police work in the county, having worked with both Bryan and College Station police departments and the sheriff's office.

"The main problem that I brought to the attention of the commissioners court is our being understaffed with enough people to carry out this job and render the service to the people that they're entitled to," Yeager said in a recent interview.

Yeager asked Brazos County commissioners last month to finance additional jailers and deputies for the department. The commissioners turned down the request for next year's budget.

Yeager said that currently only one jailer is on duty after 5 p.m. and on weekends, and is away from the telephone and sheriff's office much of that time while attending to prisoners on the fourth floor of the courthouse.

Three more deputies were requested by Yeager to work criminal cases in the county.

"We have three civil deputies now who serve citations, subpoenas, warrants and handle mental patients," Yeager said. "These three deputies cover the whole county."

"That leaves me with five criminal deputies to patrol the county and to investigate and follow up on cases," he said. "We do utilize the reserve force, but still it spreads us pretty thin."

"I'd like to bring up our staff to where we could have a car roving in the north part of the county and one in the south part of the county to

give us quicker response to these calls."

Yeager said he is satisfied with the job his office is doing at this time, taking its size into account. He said he is confident he will be able to work with commissioners to eventually add personnel to the department.

He said that although the newly enacted Speedy Trial Law will place added case loads on the sheriff's office, it will work within his policy of a firm hand in law enforcement.

"I think if we had enough people to apprehend these people who commit crimes, the Speedy Trial Act will help us render justice to them," he said.

Yeager said he does not anticipate any administrative changes in the office if he is elected. He was appointed acting sheriff after the death of Sheriff J.W. Hamilton earlier this year.

Owens: Use facilities better

By JAMIE AITKEN
Battalion City Editor

Republican sheriff candidate W.R. "Bill" Owens says the key issue in the race is how well the Brazos County sheriff's department is run with the personnel it has.

The 65-year-old Bryan resident cites his private investigation work in persons and property investigations as qualifications for the office.

"The most pressing issue," he said in an interview last week, "is utilizing what we have now — the jail, the deputies, the time that they spend — in other words, what results are the people getting for their money?"

"I don't think we have any problem whatsoever in getting the commissioners court to give us what we need," he said. "I don't think they're going to give you five or ten or twenty men right off the cuff. I think they're going to want to know

what you can do with what you've got."

Owens said his main priority is to "get something done about crime in Brazos County."

Owens said he doesn't think the present sheriff administration is effective enough in fighting county crime, and he added that he doubts commissioners will give them the added personnel being requested.

He agreed that additional personnel is needed in the department, but that administrative changes should be instituted as well.

"We'll have to assign the men a little differently," he said. "We don't need that stack of unserved papers up there. You have three men serving civil papers who are way behind. There's no need for that."

"The greatest need is to reduce this crime," he said. "People have

no fear of the sheriff's department, or a whole lot of the police department. Anytime rape is going up as fast as it is there's something that can be done on that matter."

"In fact," he added, "it can be done on all this stuff if you put yourself to it and do it."

Owens said he does not think changes in the sheriff's department will be as costly as expected. Acting sheriff Bobby Yeager has estimated an additional \$80,000 a year is needed to beef up the department personnel.

"We've got to get it where a lady can walk to the Post Office with no danger," he said. "You've got to teach a criminal to think twice. You never know when that heavy hand is going to drop on your own shoulder if you accost her — and it will drop sooner or later on those guys."